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Title: Method For Construction of *Thermus-E. coli* Shuttle Vectors and Identification of Two *Thermus* Plasmid Replication Origins

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2002 please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. ^{AMENDED} The recombinant plasmid of claim 2, further comprising at least one promoter sequence selected from the group of DNA sequences of SEQ ID NO:6 consisting of residues 27-32 of SEQ ID NO:6, residues 50-55 of SEQ ID NO:6, residues 86-90 of SEQ ID NO:6 and residues 109-114 of SEQ ID NO:6.

A marked-up version of claim 3 is attached hereto.

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